

# PERSISTENT ASTHMA

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## Review PNAA 2004 and GINA 2009

### **PNAA 2004**

Infrequent episodic asthma  
Frequent episodic asthma  
Persistent asthma

### **Terminology Severity of asthma**

Intermittent  
Mild persistent  
Moderate persistent  
Severe persistent

### **GINA 2009**

Controlled  
Partly controlled  
Uncontrolled

## Levels of asthma control

Characteristic	Controlled	Partly controlled	uncontrolled
Daytime symptoms	Twice or less/week	More than twice/week	Three or more features of partly controlled asthma present in any week
Limitation of activities	None	Any	
Nocturnal symptoms/awakening	None	Any	
Need for <i>reliever/rescue treatment</i>	Twice or less/week	More than twice/week	
Lung function (PEF or FEV1)	Normal	< 80% predicted or personal best (if known)	

## Asthma

- Episodic disease
- Dynamic chronic illness
  - ↓
  - Variability overtime
  - Imperfect overlap between symptoms frequency and lung function
- Adding lung function measurement → change severity classification → change treatment
- **Needs review and regular monitoring**

## Lung Function Measurement

### Peak expiratory flow (PEF)

- Inexpensive
- Patients can use at home
  - May be helpful for patients with severe disease to monitor their change from baseline every day
  - Not recommended for all patients with mild or moderate disease to use every day at home
- Effort and technique dependent
- Should not be used to make diagnosis of asthma

## Lung Function Measurement

### Spirometry

- Recommended to do spirometry pre- and post- use of an albuterol MDI to assess reversibility of airflow obstruction
- $\geq 12\%$  reversibility / increase FEV1 of 200cc is significant
- Obstructive pattern: reduced FEV1/FVC ratio
- Restrictive pattern: reduced FVC with a normal FEV1/FVC ratio

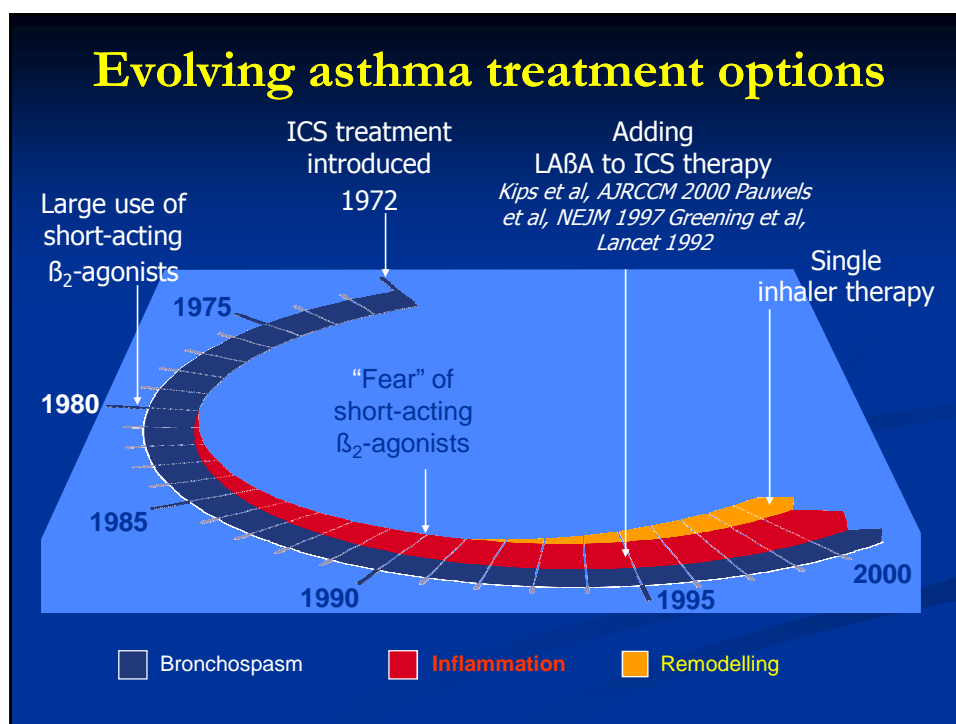
## Lung Function Measurement

### Spirometry

- To identify reversible airway obstruction due to triggers
- To diagnose Exercise-induced asthma (EIA) or Exercise-induced bronchospasm (EIB) by measuring FEV1/FVC before and after exercise, then for 5-10 minute intervals over 20-30 minutes looking for post-exercise bronchoconstriction

## Goals in Asthma Control

- Achieve and maintain control of symptoms
- Prevent asthma episodes or attacks
- Minimal use of reliever medication
- No emergency visits to doctors or hospitals
- Maintain normal activity levels, including exercise
- Maintain pulmonary function as close to normal as possible
- Minimal (or no) adverse effects from medicine



## Asthma medications:

### Reliever

### Controller

- to control / prevent symptoms &/ attack
- long term use
- anti-inflammations
- inhaled steroid, ALTR, SRT, LABA, oral steroid
- Inhalation, oral

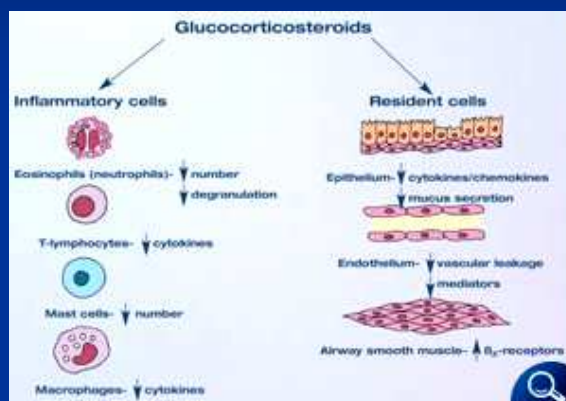
## Corticosteroids

- Corticosteroids, inhaled
  - budesonide
  - Fluticasone
- The most effective anti-inflammatory medications
- Improve lung function
- Decrease airway hyper-responsiveness
- Reduce symptoms
- Decrease frequency and severity of exacerbations
- Improve Quality of Life (QoL)

## Corticosteroids

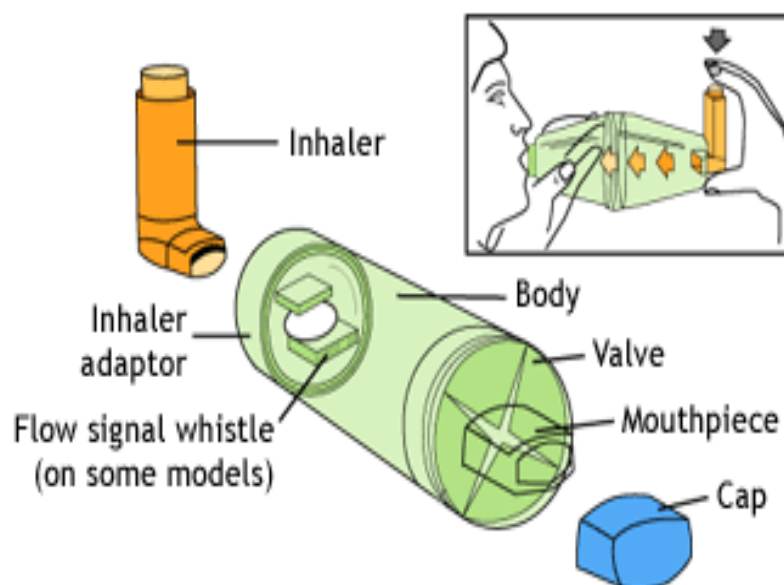
- Inhaled Corticosteroids
  - Anti-inflammatory (but precise MOA not known)
  - Act locally in lungs
    - Some systemic absorption
    - Risks of possible growth retardation outweighed by benefits of controlling asthma
  - **Not intended to be used as rescue medication**
  - Efficacy takes 1-2 weeks
  - Preferred treatment in persistent asthma

## Corticosteroids

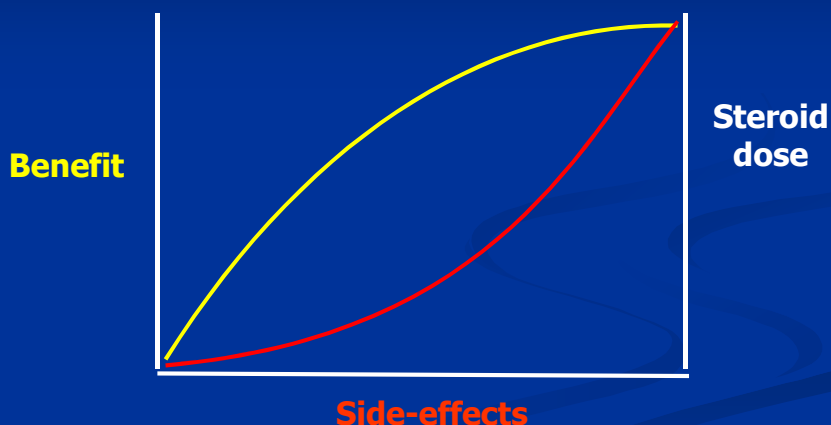


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## MDI with spacer



## Risk-benefit ratio of steroid



## Long-Acting Beta2-Agonists (LABA)

- Beta2-receptors are the predominant receptors in bronchial smooth muscle
- Stimulate ATP-cAMP → relaxation of bronchial smooth muscle and inhibition of release of mediators of immediate hypersensitivity
- Inhibits release of mast cell mediators such as histamine, leukotrienes, and prostaglandin-D2



## Long-Acting Beta2-Agonists (LABA)

- Salmeterol (Serevent)
- Salmeterol with fluticasone (Advair)
- Should only be used as an **additional treatment** when patients are not adequately controlled with ICS
- Should not be used as rescue medication
- Can be used  $\geq 4$  yrs with a DPI
- Deaths associated with inappropriate use as only medication for asthma

## Inhaled Steroid + LABA

Adding LABA to BUD:

- Reduces rate of mild exacerbations
- Reduces rate of severe exacerbations
- Improves FEV1

## ICS + LABA

Which LABA ?

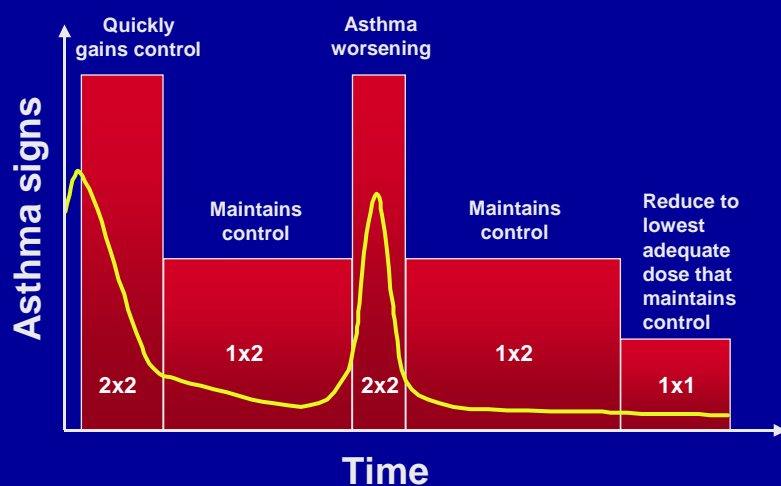
### Formoterol:

- Immediate relief (as fast as salbutamol)
- 12 hours effect
- Can be combined with budesonide
  - Formoterol 4.5 ug + Budesonide 100 ug

### Salmeterol:

- Salmeterol 50 ug + Fluticasone propionate 100 ug or 250 ug

### Formoterol + Budesonide combination *the 'flexible' preventer*



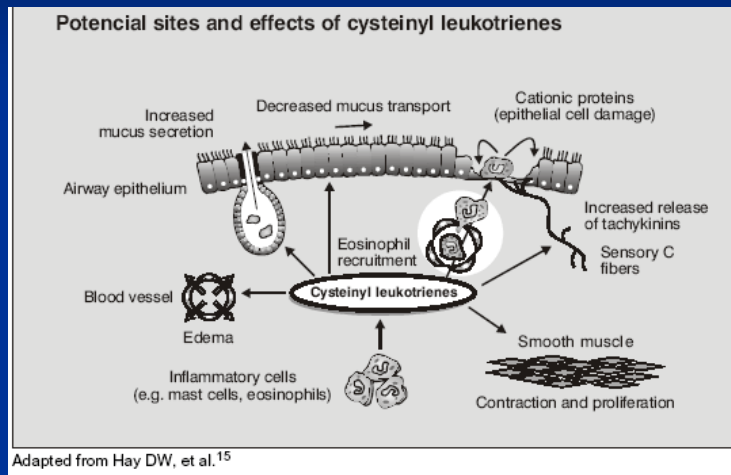
## Leukotriene receptor antagonists

- Leukotriene-mediated effects include:
  - Airway edema
  - Smooth muscle contraction
  - Altered cellular activity associated with the inflammatory process
- Receptors in airway smooth muscle cells and macrophages and on other pro-inflammatory cells (including eosinophils and myeloid stem cells) and nasal mucosa

## Leukotriene receptor antagonists

- No good long-term studies in pediatrics
- Montelukast as young as 2 yr dose 1 x 4–5 mg; zafirlukast age 7 yr dose 2 x 10 mg
- Alternate, but **not** preferred medication in persistent asthma and as addition to ICS
- Showed a statistically significant, but modest improvement when used as primary medication

## Leukotriene



## Theophylline

- Narrow therapeutic index, maintain 5-20 mcg/mL
- Sustained release Theophylline (SRT) 5- 10 mcg/mL
- Variability in clearance leads to reach a therapeutic dose
- Mechanism of action
  - Smooth muscle relaxation (bronchodilation)
  - Suppression of the response of the airways to stimuli
  - Increase force of contraction of diaphragmatic muscles
- Interacts with many other drugs

## **Mast cell stabilizers (cromolyn/nedocromil)**

- Inhibits release of mediators from mast cells (degranulation) after specific antigens exposure
- Blocks  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  ions from entering the mast cell
- Safe for pediatrics (including infants)
- Should be started 2-4 weeks before allergy season
- Can be used before exercise (not as good as ICS)
- Alternate th/ for persistent asthma

## **CONTROLLERS**

### **Corticosteroids**

Prednisolone, Betamethasone  
Beclomethasone, Budesonide  
Fluticasone

### **Xanthines**

SR Theophylline

### **Long acting $\beta_2$ agonists**

**Salmeterol**

**Formoterol**

### **Anti-leukotrienes**

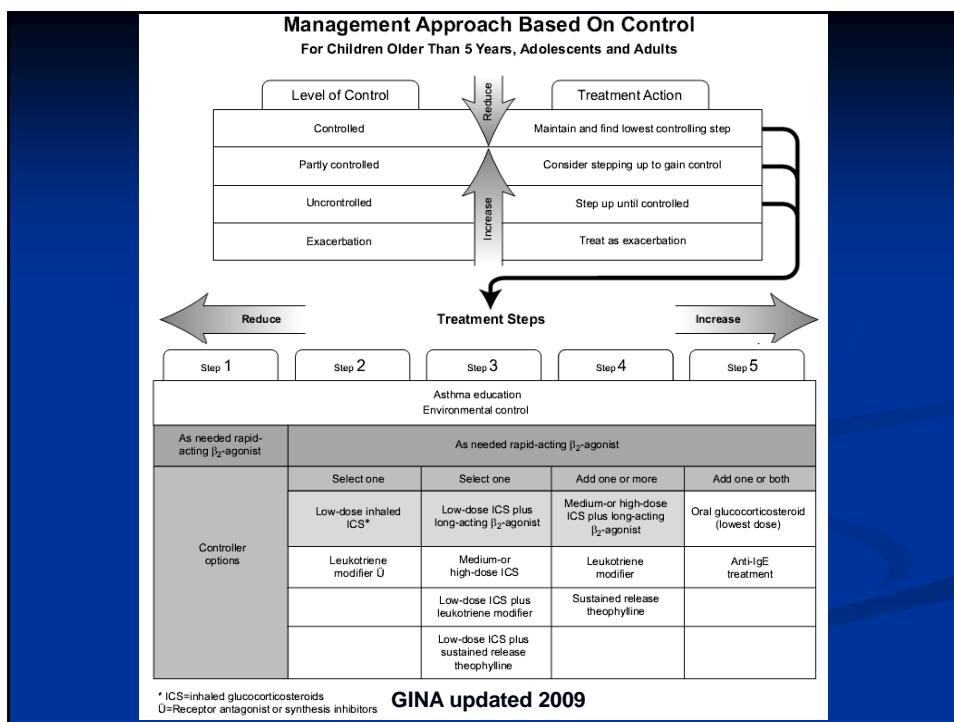
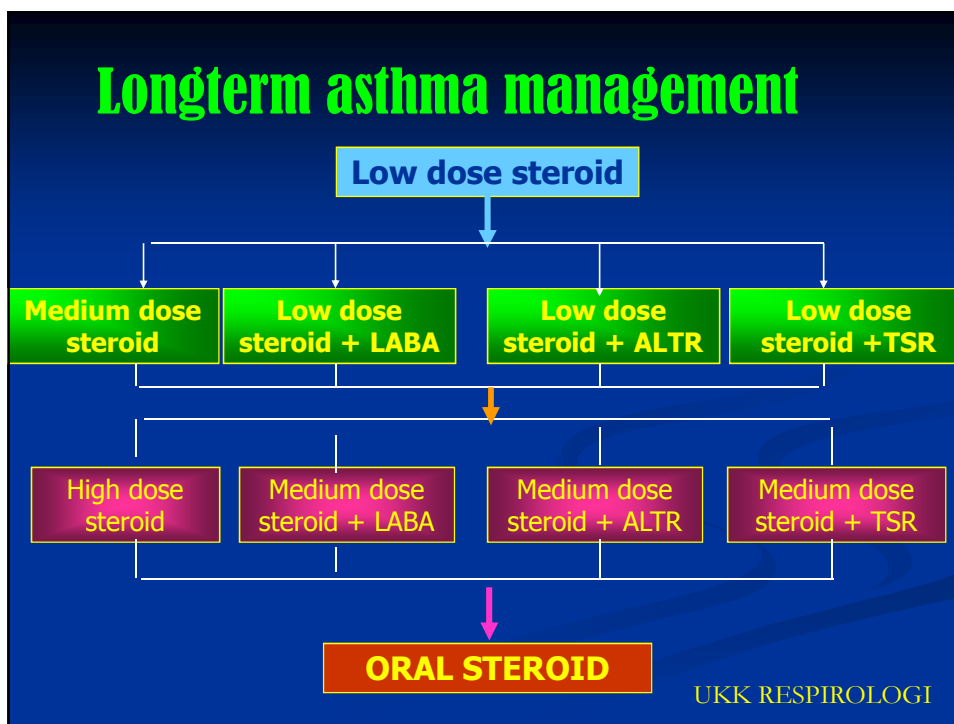
Montelukast, Zafirlukast

### **Combinations**

Salmeterol/Fluticasone  
Formoterol/Budesonide  
Salbutamol/Beclomethasone

### **Mast Cell Stabilisers**

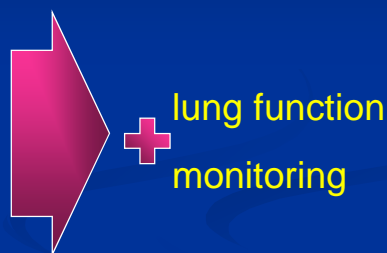
**Sodium Cromoglycate**



## Step down

Wheeze free and well for three months:

- Oral steroid  
1 mg/kgBW/month, then
- SRT
- Inhaled steroid: 50- 100ug/2-4 weeks



## Interrelated Asthma Management

1. Guided self-management education & communication
  - Written
  - Problem review
  - Coordination & support
2. Assess & monitor asthma (PEFR)
3. Environmental control measures
4. Medication plan (accommodate variability among & within patients)
5. Plan for acute management
6. Regular follow-up care

•Education  
•&  
•partnership

## 5 R's EDUCATION

1. **Reach** agreement of goals
2. **Rehearse** skills
3. **Repeat** messages
4. **Reinforce**
5. **Review**

( Taggart, 2001)



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